

In Memoriam

On January 28, 1986, in the clear, blue skies over Cape Canaveral, seven lives were lost. A team of space explorers perished in the explosion of the Space Shuttle "Challenger." A statement issued by ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, put it this way:

Ever since the Owen Garriott, W5LFL, Shuttle mission in 1983, hams (who have always been among the more ardent followers of the space program) had developed a special feeling for the Shuttle program... The flags in front of the ARRL Headquarters have been lowered to half-staff in tribute to the Shuttle crew.

Although no radio amateurs or ham radio experiments were aboard the "Challenger" on its final voyage, this spacecraft was special to the Amateur Radio Community. It was on "Challenger" that Tony England, WØORE, flew a scant six months earlier in July 1985 with Amateur Radio equipment aboard.

We share the grief felt by NASA, the astronaut corps, and the families and friends of the six astronauts and school teacher Christa McAuliffe, who were lost with the Shuttle "Challenger." Our hopes and dreams rose into the sky with them. They hold a special place in each of our hearts. May God rest their souls.

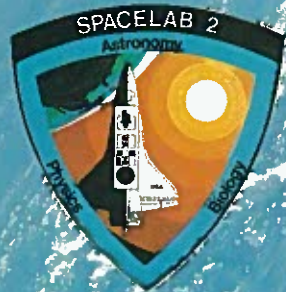
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STS MISSION 51-F/SPACELAB 2

FLIGHT OF CHALLENGER
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Launched on July 29, 1985
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- First multi-operator Amateur Radio Station in space
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Space Shuttle Challenger

Our objectives for SAREX were:

1. to share the spaceflight experience with the largest community possible.
2. to encourage youth's interest in science, technology, and Amateur Radio.
3. to demonstrate uplink TV has a potentially useful capability.

My personal thanks to each of you for making SAREX possible.

73,

Tony, WØORE